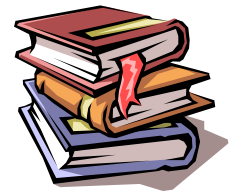




# "Take Your Child to Work Day" Book List



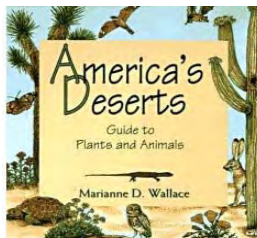
Here are some books about **DESERTS** that you may want to read. You can borrow these from your local public libraries, or purchase from bookstores.



**A Desert Scrapbook: Dawn to Dusk in the Sonoran Desert: Virginia Wright-Frierson (Illustrator)**

Reading Level: Ages 4-8

Explore the many sights of the desert in this book which include handsome watercolors of animals, insects, and plants, as well as tinier pieces of the desert's landscape, such as quail eggs, butterfly wings, a prickly pear pad, and even cottontail droppings



**America's Deserts: Marianne D. Wallace**

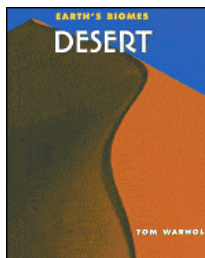
Reading level: Ages 9-12

Learn about North American desert habitats such as, Sonoran, Mojave, Chihuahuan, and Great Basin, as well as two unique regions within those areas, Death Valley and the Colorado Desert.

**Desert: by Miranda MacQuitty, Frank Greenaway, Alan Hills (Illustrator)**

Reading level: 12 and up

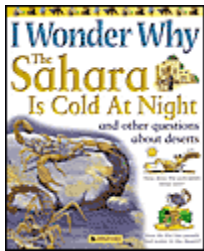
Examine the forces that form deserts and discover the amazing variety of life in these seemingly desolate lands, from frogs that hibernate for years to Bedouins who can tell direction just by feeling stones on the ground.



**Desert: by Tom Warhol**

Reading level: Ages 8-12

The desert biome, far from lifeless, harbors some of the most unique organisms on Earth, all specially adapted to a life of extremes. Tom Warhol's Desert explores the many deserts of the world, from the fog-enriched coastal deserts of Namibia and Chile to the vast temperate deserts that make up the Gobi Desert of Asia, including the Taklimakan and the Kyzyl-Kum.



**I Wonder Why the Sahara is Cold at Night and Other Questions about Deserts: by Jackie Gaff**

Reading level: Ages 5-8

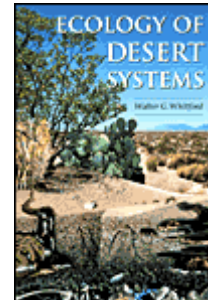
The answers to all those questions about the desert, such as "Who ate ants?", "How do plants survive in the desert?", and "Where do cars race across the desert?" are answered in this fabulous book.

**Ecology of Desert Systems: by Walter G. Whitford**

Reading Level: Ages 12 and up

Conventional wisdom considers deserts stark, harsh regions that support few living things. Most people also believe that water alone makes the desert bloom.

**Ecology of Desert Systems** challenges these conventional views.



**Living in a Desert: by Jan Kottke**

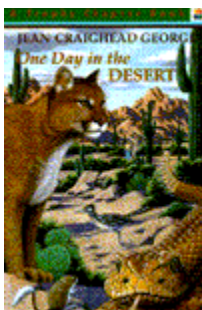
Reading Level: Ages 5-7

This book describes the lives of children who live in various deserts around the world the Sahara, the Gobi, and the Syrian. Young readers will understand that deserts occur in many places in the world and are home to a variety of people and cultures.

**Desert Ecology: by John B. Sowell**

Reading Level: Ages 12 and up

Explore the life cycle of the yucca and creosote bush; trace the wanderings of the Gila monster and tenebrionid beetle in the rhythms of the desert at night. Unlike books that merely identify which plants and animals live in the desert, **Desert Ecology** explores how these organisms live where they do.



**One Day in the Desert: by Jean Craighead George, Fred Brenner (Illustrator)**

Reading Level: Ages 7-10

This book explains how the animal and human inhabitants of the Sonoran Desert of Arizona, including a mountain lion, a roadrunner, a coyote, a tortoise, and members of the Papago Indian tribe, adapt to and survive the desert's merciless heat.